

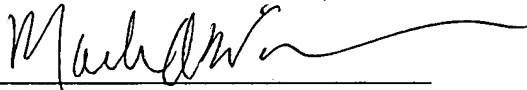
REMARKS

There are now pending in this application Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 11-14, and 17-34, of which Claims 1, 8, 17, 18, 26 and 31 are independent. Claims 3, 5-7, 10, 15 and 16 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 11-14, 17 and 18 have been amended and Claims 19-34 are newly presented herein to afford Applicant a more desired scope of protection. The changes have not been made for any reasons related to patentability.

Favorable consideration together with an early allowance are respectfully requested.

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